



Rural Youth's Yearning for Professionalism

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"A brave, frank, clean-hearted, courageous and aspiring youth is the only foundation on which future nation can be built." - Swami Vivekanand

Abstract

Youth being enthusiastic, innovative, vibrant, and dynamic in nature is the most important section of the population of the country. Youth shows strong passion, motivation, and willpower which also make them the most valuable human resource for fostering the economic, cultural, and political development of a nation. Youth is the creative digital innovators in their community and participate as active citizens, eager to positively contribute to the sustainable development of the country. This section of the population needs to be harnessed, motivated, skilled, and streamlined properly to bring rapid progress to that country. (Youth in India, 2017), The Ministry of Human Resource Development (1985) considers the 'youth group' in India as persons in the age group 15 to 35 years. Youth forms nearly one-third of the total population of India. Rural youth constitute over two-and-half times the size of urban youth (Ray, 2015). Conventionally, the period from adolescence to middle age is termed as a youth. There are over 1.8 billion young people in the world today, 90.00 percent of whom live in developing countries, where they tend to make up a large proportion of the population (www.unfpa.org). The pool youth population needs to be agitated in the mainstream development of India. This phenomenal rise in the youth population made India the youngest nation with a demographic dividend that appears to be a reality as the majority of the youth come from rural areas, they are usually considered the nation builders of tomorrow. It is indeed vital to utilize this demographic dividend and channel the youth and their creative energies for nation-building. Youth as a concept has been generally defined all over the world as a group of human beings who have reached the end of puberty but, have not yet acquired the full rights and duties of adult life. Rural youths are precious human assets who can play an important role in developmental activities, agriculture, and other allied activities.

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Introduction

The youth of the nation are trustees of prosperity. Youth forces are dynamic in nature as most skills and orientations are acquired in this age. Youth is a huge reservoir of energy that needs to be tapped and harnessed intelligently for the development of society. Youth are the precious assets of our country. Youth are the most potent segment of the population of a country. They are the backbone of the country. The youth of today are the hopes of tomorrow. Youth have been playing quite a significant role in almost every country of the world as they possess zeal and vigour and they can build the nation. Future of any country is determined to a large extent by what the youth learn in their formative years. The emphasis

on the youth is just because they are well aware of their strength and dynamism. Youth hood is a wonderful, dynamic and vibrant period in everyone's life. They are very active, seek innovations and creativity in their lives. They seek different innovative models, ideologies and grow during this period. They don't like to be idle and want to create history. It is that stage they like to experiment and explore new fields of knowledge. The overall development of the country depends on their regimented, active and skilled youth. They acquire new knowledge and learn innovative technologies and get experienced in it. They are the wealth, power-base and image maker of the nation (Ali and Anwar, 2000). (Radhakrishnan, 2017). The United Nations General Assembly also addressed these future pillars, by declaring 2011 as the International Year for Youth with the theme "Dialogue and Mutual Understanding". (www.un.org), Rural youth have abilities to orient themselves to go along the main stream of the development process. So, the future of the country lies in their hands, what they will become, what role they will play in a democratic society and what they will do, will be dependent to a greater extent on the period between their childhood to adulthood. The place of rural youth class is most important for the future of country. The participation of the rural youth in the development process is essential for bringing change in socio-economic structure and improving the quality of life of an individual.

The Socio-Economic Condition of Rural Youth

The socio-economic development and prosperity of the country depends upon the type of youth living in the country. They are the precious human assets who can play an important role in nation building activities. They are the national cream and the future crown with full possession of physical built and mental tenacity and power. The urban youth are mostly educated and organized in many forms and have access to various facilities and institution meant for youth services. Whereas, rural youth are mostly illiterate burdened with the needs of their own families, lack of opportunities for organizing themselves to engage in constructive work and also lack of proper guidance about opportunities. Though rural youth have different fields of activities, they have not been involved and motivated to contribute to the development process. (Sharma, 2011). In today's world, education is necessity therefore, it has assumed an increasingly important role in future plans, especially for youth. During the educational process people gain necessary skills and competencies to be able to function on different competitive markets. Higher level of education is associated with higher income, a more prestigious career, lower risk of unemployment and an improved well-being. Education is also a key factor in promoting and sustaining economic growth and technological development. When there is a lack of qualified labor force, technological expansion is hampered. Also, along with technological changes the society must learn how to adjust to them and for that reason good education is needed desperately.

Youth's shoulder has responsibility for the future development of the country. Most effective way of development and channeling the potentials of youth towards creative purpose is through youth clubs. They help young people to develop themselves physically, mentally, socially and economically and prepare them to meet effectively the future challenges of life. The rural youth is important for the future of the country. The development and harnessing of the talents and energies of youth towards constructive work are of greater

importance than any other effort. Young people are a crucial human resource for the development of a country. They are also the movers of change in the socio-economic and technological innovation sectors. (Gandhale, 2017), The youth can make their constructive contribution towards national development and through which society can benefit from the idealism and sense of dedication of youth at the same time, they also get benefitted from their active participation in development activities, since such participation increases their self-esteem, gives them a sense of identity and of being needed by the society, the youth must be exposed to the social realities and the pressing problems, that the country is confronted with, for being and becoming active partners in national progress and development. The development of personal, social, economic and spiritual aspects of rural youth are possible, only when their needs, aspirations, habits, attitudes and values of life are recognized early and guided properly. Therefore, in this study some of these aspects were considered and which would be useful to the agencies involved in the development of rural youth. Research on rural youth aspirations is still in its infancy and is now fighting to establish a home in sociological or socioeconomic studies. It is essential to comprehend the unique context of the youth in order to build a variety of tactics and programmes that are appropriate and efficient. Aspirations are "aspires and dreams" that are not always rooted in reality; they can also be expectations of what one hopes to accomplish. We can better comprehend young people's life aspirations by looking at their aspirations. It helps marginalized groups to speak up and consider how to improve their circumstances.

Purpose and Objectives

The purpose of this study was to determine the aspirations of rural youth in western Rajasthan and to identify support for and barriers to achieving their goals. The objectives were to:

- (1) Determine the educational and occupational aspirations of rural high school students.
- (2) Identify support that rural youth receive in achieving their aspirations.
- (3) Identify barriers that may keep rural youth from realizing their aspirations.
- (4) Compare town youth and farm youth on these variables.

The participating pupils were classified as "town youth" if they resided in a town, and "farm youth" if they lived on a farm or other large plot of land.

Conclusion

Youth are the most potent segment of the population of a country. The socio-economic development and prosperity of rural areas depends, to a considerable extent, on the type of youth living in rural areas, because the rural youth have abilities to orient themselves to go along the main stream of the development process. Development of youth determines the development of community and country as a whole. Access to information about training and development opportunities for adult volunteers and staff working within voluntary organizations, including first aid, food hygiene, conflict resolution, youth work training etc., are most needed. Access to resources and information developing young people are most preferred by the rural young communities and hence adequate policy measures are required.

The most influential demographic in a nation is its youth. The sort of adolescents living in rural areas has a significant impact on the socioeconomic growth and prosperity of those areas since they have the capacity to align themselves with the development process' mainstream. Youth development affects how a community and a nation as a whole develop. The greatest demand is for adult volunteers and employees working in voluntary organizations to have access to information on training and development opportunities in areas like first aid, food safety, conflict resolution, youth work training, etc. Young

communities in rural areas like to have access to resources and information, thus appropriate legislative measures are needed.

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